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OF THE

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For the Year Ending

January 31, 1918

Annual Report

OF THE

Town and School Officers

OF THE

Town of Bath

New Hampshire

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending January 31, 1918

AND

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending
December 31, 1917

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator

JONAS MINOT

Town Clerk

ARTHUR E. BAILEY

Selectmen

JOHN B. HIBBARD TIMOTHY B. SOUTHARD
HENRY A. LEIGHTON

Auditor

CLAYTON C. FOSTER

Treasurer

NAPOLEON B. FOSTER

Tax Collector

CHESTER ABBOTT

Highway Agent

RALPH W. ROGERS

Supervisors

WILLIAM E. CARR ALBERT H. DEARTH
HARRY H. JONES

Trustees of Trust Funds

EDWARD C. POOR HARRY WOODS
ELWOOD J. ROSS

Library Trustees

VERA M. DRURY DWIGHT P. CHILD
ALFRED E. HOUSTON

Health Officer

WALTER H. CHASE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1918.

The State of New Hampshire.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bath Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Bath on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a town clerk, three selectmen, a town treasurer, auditor, and one or more highway agents for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To choose one library trustee for the term of three years, in place of Vera M. Drury, term expired, and one trustee of trust funds for the term of three years, in place of Edward C. Poor, term expired.

Art. 3. To bring in your ballots for delegate to the Constitutional Convention to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June, A. D. 1918.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary officers and agents and to hear reports of officers and agents heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Art. 5. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day and Old Home Day.

Art. 6. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.

Art. 7. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay town officers.

Art. 8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the town library.

Art. 9. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for painting and repairing the town building.

Art. 10. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the ordinary expenses and repairs of highways and bridges.

Art. 11. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for extraordinary repairs on Bath bridge, and for any new construction or permanent improvements elsewhere.

Art. 12. To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay on town notes.

Art. 13. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for the maintenance of the State Aid and Trunk Line roads.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to securing state aid for highways, and make any appropriation therefor.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the Walker place, so called, to a point near the buildings owned by Henry S. Buck on the road leading from the farm owned by Abiel and Henry Reed to the farm owned by Charles Woolson.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to accept from the estate of Elvira L. Parker the sum of fifty dollars in trust, to be known as the Elvira L. Parker Trust Fund, so much as may be necessary of the income thereof to be used for the perpetual care of the burial lot in the Bath Village Cemetery wherein are buried the remains of Edward O. Parker, William S. Parker and the said Elvira L. Parker, and the surplus each year, if any, to be added to the principal of said trust fund, or applied to such public purposes and uses as may to the trustees of trust funds seem right and proper.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to dispense with delivering the inventory blanks until Aprl 1.

Art. 18. To transact any other business that may legally be brought before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 16th day of February, A. D. 1918.

JOHN B. HIBBARD,
TIMOTHY B. SOUTHARD,
HENRY A. LEIGHTON,
Selectmen of Bath.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1917.

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings	$607,880.00
Horses, 348	41,275.00
Oxen, 6	695.00
Cows, 1,037	54,640.00
Other neat stock, 507	21,370.00
Sheep, 328	2,450.00
Hogs, 41	568.00
Fowls, 469	361.00
Vehicles, including automobiles, 50	14,050.00
Portable mills, 5	1,205.00
Value of wood and lumber, not stock in trade	1,240.00
Value of stock of national banks in this state	4,361.00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	5,812.00
Value of stock in trade	25,700.00
Aqueducts	1,250.00
Mills and machinery	43,100.00
Total	$825,957.00

Polls, number, 254.

Town school district	$443,609.00
Union school district	304,157.00
Woodsville school district	72,327.00
Landaff school district	5,864.00
	$825,957.00

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

Poll taxes	$508.00
Property tax:	
Resident list	14,778.17
Non-resident list	2,448.75
Total amount	$17,734.92

Tax rate:

Town	$1.47
Town school district	2.18
Union school district	2.10

APPROPRIATIONS, 1917.

Town:		
Highways and bridges	$3,500.00	
Special highway appropriation	600.00	
Trunk line maintenance	600.00	
State aid maintenance	50.00	
State aid construction	1,153.50	
Library, by law	53.10	
Library, by vote	150.00	
Regular state tax	1,327.50	
Special state tax	177.00	
County tax	1,178.52	
Town officers' salaries	650.00	
Town poor	200.00	
Memorial day	10.00	
Town hall note	1,000.00	
Improvement of "The Narrows" highway	1,000.00	
Overlay	537.80	
		$12,687.42
Town school district:		
Required by law	$787.53	
Voted by district	1,000.00	
Repairs	200.00	
Officers' salaries	45.00	
Flags	15.00	
Tuition, 2 years	900.00	
Books and supplies, 2 years	200.00	
		$3,147.53

Union school district:		
Required by law	$539.97	
Voted by district	1,000.00	
Salaries of district officers	200.00	
Books and supplies	150.00	
Graduation exercises	10.00	
		$1,899.97
Total		$17,734.92

BALANCE SHEET.

January 31, 1918.

Assets.

Cash:		
In hands of town treasurer		$2,434.98
Accounts due to the town:		
Due from state—Unexpended balances of joint highway accounts in state treasury:		
(a) Trunk line maintenance	$819.29	
(b) State aid maintenance	22.88	
(c) State aid construction	165.40	
(d) "The Narrows" highway improvement	1,000.00	
		$2,007.57
Due from county:		
For support of the poor		77.00
Taxes not collected:		
(a) Levy of 1915 and 1916		225.35
(b) Levy of 1917		3,083.06
(c) Taxes bought by town, including interest to January 31		537.26
Total assets		$8,365.22
Net debt February 15, 1917		$993.22
Net surplus January 31, 1918		906.17
Net gain		$1,899.39

BALANCE SHEET.

January 31, 1918.

Liabilities.

Bills outstanding:		
M. A. Weeks, salary as collector for two years, 1915 and 1916		$200.00
State and town joint highway accounts:		
Unexpended balances in state treasury		2,007.57
Unexpended balances in town treasury:		
(a) Trunk line maintenance	$483.74	
(b) State aid maintenance	22.86	
(c) State aid construction	414.02	
(d) "The Narrows" highway improvement	1,000.00	
		$1,920.62
Unexpended balance of appropriation for fire protection for Bath village		230.86
Unexpended appropriation for grading Main St., Bath village, and other purposes		600.00
Notes outstanding:		
Harry Chamberlin, payable on demand, interest annually at 5 per cent		1,000.00
Trustees of trust funds:		
Note payable on demand at 3½ per cent		1,000.00
Note payable on demand at 3½ per cent		500.00
Total liabilities		$7,459.05
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)		906.17
		$8,365.22

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town hall:	
Land and buildings	$9,000.00
Furniture and equipment	300.00
Library:	
Books	1,250.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00
Fire department:	
Pipe and fittings for pipe line from Leatherboard mill to common	260.14
Highway department:	
Gravel bank	150.00
1 New road machine	250.00
2 Old road machines	50.00
5 Road drags	35.00
1 Stone drag	4.00
1 Scraper	3.00
1 Wheeled scraper	15.00
1 Plow	3.00
1 Wheelbarrow	3.00
Shovels, picks, rakes, drills, etc.	10.00
175 ft. new 1¼-inch rope	17.50
800 sq. ft. new bridge plank	20.00
100 cedar posts	15.00
Total	$11,435.64

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF BATH.

Year ending February 1, 1918.

Receipts.

Cash on hand	$1,412.39
From local taxes:	
M. A. Weeks, collector, 1915	224.16
M. A. Weeks, collector, 1916	2,157.34
Chester Abbott, collector, 1917	14,651.86
From state	3,011.31
From county	142.00
From local sources, except taxes	802.14
Note	1,000.00
	$23,401.20

Payments.

3 Orders of selectmen, year 1916-1917	21.05
330 Orders of selectmen, year 1917-1918	20,945.17
Balance in bank	2,434.98
	$23,401.20

NAPOLEON B. FOSTER,
Town Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the town treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. There is a cash balance of $2,434.98 in the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co. The above report is made in accordance with the treasurer's accounts.

CLAYTON C. FOSTER,
Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 12, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

(For the Year Ending January 31, 1918.)

Current Revenue.

From Local Taxes:		
Amount committed to collector	$17,734.92	
Less amount uncollected January 31	3,083.06	
Taxes of current year, collected		$14,651.86
Uncollected taxes of previous years	$2,606.85	
Less uncollected January 31	225.35	
Taxes of previous years, collected		2,381.50
From State:		
For highways:		
(a) For state aid maintenance	$35.04	
(b) For state aid construction	295.80	
(c) For trunk line maintenance	492.41	
Insurance tax	2.06	
Railroad tax	318.14	
Savings bank tax	908.31	
Literary fund	96.48	
State aid for education	855.07	
Fighting forest fires	2.80	
Bounties	5.20	
		3,011.31
From County:		
For support of poor		142.00

PAYMENTS.

(For the Year Ending January 31, 1918.)

Current Maintenance Expenses.

General Government:	
1. Town officers' salaries.....	$407.99
2. Town officers' expenses.....	126.37
3. Election and registration expenses	29.00
4. Expenses of town building..	383.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5. Forest fire department....	5.60
6. Bounties	5.20
7. Damage by dogs.....	176.00
Health:	
8. Vital statistics	4.50
Highways and Bridges:	
9. State aid maintenace.....	70.09
10. Trunk line maintenace....	764.52
11. Town maintenance	3,388.07
12. Street lighting	48.54
13. General expenses of highway department	456.00
Education:	
14. Libraries	203.10
Charities:	
15. Town poor	98.77
16. County poor	207.00
Patriotic Purposes:	
17. Memorial Day expenses....	3.63

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses	$174.60	
Permit to remove gasoline tank	1.00	
Tax sales redeemed	290.54	
Interest on tax sales redeemed	8.02	
Rent of town building:		
(a) From rent of hall	86.96	
(b) From Grange	62.50	
(c) From H. W. Nelson:		
For store, 11½ mo.	143.75	
For lights	6.11	
		~~$299.32~~
Town of Lisbon, for labor on Lisbon highway	$5.56	
Town of Landaff, for 29 loads of gravel	2.90	
Trunk line maintenance fund, for 47 loads of gravel	4.70	
State aid construction fund for 60 cedar posts	9.00	
R. W. Rogers, for old bridge plank	1.00	
R. E. Batchelder, for old bridge plank	.50	
Rev. George A. Mark, for lot in village cemetery	5.00	
		$802.14
Total current revenue receipts		$20,988.81
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loan from Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co.		1,000.00
Total receipts from all sources		$21,988.81
Cash on hand at beginning of year		1,412.39
Grand total		$23,401.20

Unclassified:		
18. Taxes bought by town.....	$314.65	
19. Tax abatements	6.65	
Total current maintenance expenses....		$6,698.68
Interest:		
20. Paid on notes.....		260.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
21. Highways, state aid construction	$1,035.28	
22. Pipe line for fire protection	269.14	
Total outlay payments.....		1,304.42
Indebtedness:		
23. Payment on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes.	$1,000.00	
24. Payments on long term notes	3,000.00	
Total indebtedness payments.....		4,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
25. Taxes paid to state.....	$1,504.50	
26. Taxes paid to county.....	1,178.52	
27. Payments to school districts	5,999.05	
Total payments to other governmental divisions		8,682.07
Total payments for all purposes.....		$20,945.17
Cash on hand at end of year.....		2,434.98
Orders outstanding February 15, 1917.....		21.05
Grand total		$23,401.20

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

General Government.

Detail 1—Town officers salaries.

John B. Hibbard, selectman, balance of 1916	$9.50
David S. Reed, selectman, balance of 1916...	6.95
John B. Hibbard, selectman, 1917	135.99
Timothy B. Southard, selectman, 1917	86.25
Henry A. Leighton, selectman, 1917.....	64.30
Arthur E. Bailey, clerk	40.00
N. B. Foster, treasurer	40.00
Clayton C. Foster, auditor	6.00
Jonas Minot, moderator, 1916-17.....	10.00
Walter H. Chase, dog officer, 1916-17.....	9.00
Total	$407.99

Detail 2—Town officers' expenses.

John B. Clarke Co., printing town reports....	$57.50
W. J. Randolph, list of real estate transfers...	3.56
R. U. Smith, legal advice	2.00
Edson C. Eastman Co.:	
Set of books and blanks prescribed by the tax commission for keeping uniform accounts	39.01
Office supplies	4.70
Star Stamp Co., seal for town clerk.....	2.59
Mrs. Mina E. Hibbard, dinners for Mr. Leighton	6.40
B. A. Stymest, postage stamps	3.00
N. B. Foster, cash paid for postage.....	2.00
John B. Hibbard, cash paid for:	
Office supplies	.60
Express	1.11
Postage and telephone	3.65
Recording tax redemption	.25
Total	$126.37

Detail 3—Election and registration expenses.	
William E. Carr, supervisor, 1915, 1916.....	$23.00
Moses A. Weeks, ballot clerk, 1916.....	6.00
Total	$29.00
Detail 4—Expenses of town building.	
Rhett R. Scruggs, furnace pipe	$4.05
Bath Village Water Co., water rent.....	6.00
J. C. Drury, repairs on engine	2.50
M. A. Weeks, 1½ cords wood	10.50
Ned Oakes, 1⅓ cords wood	14.00
R. T. Bartlet, insurance	96.75
Merrill's Insurance Agency, insurance	68.47
H. W. Nelson:	
Janitor work to January 1, 1918	60.00
280 gals. gasoline	75.60
3 gals. cylinder oil	1.80
Batteries	3.75
Electric lamps	6.75
Labor and repairs on engine	12.15
Express on repairs	.81
Kerosene, lamp chimneys, and door knob...	.73
2 4/10 cords of wood	19.14
Total	$383.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Detail 5—Forest fire department.	
E. I. Oakes, forest fire warden	$5.60
Detail 6—Bounties.	
16 hedgehogs	$3.20
1 Wildcat	2.00
Total	$5.20

Detail 7—Damage by dogs.

S. G. Day, 10 sheep and 15 lambs, killed.....	$145.00
E. Woods, 2 sheep killed	14.00
T. B. Southard, 1 sheep and 2 lambs killed...	17.00
Total	$176.00

HEALTH.

Detail 8—Vital statistics.

A. E. Bailey, recording births, deaths and marriages	$4.50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Detail 9—State aid maintenance.

Swiftwater branch:

H. W. Nelson, team, $1\frac{2}{3}$ days...	$8.32	
D. S. Libby, 1-horse team, 4 days, 5 hours	15.94	
B. F. Aiken, $1\frac{3}{4}$ days	3.50	
J. B. Hibbard, $1\frac{1}{3}$ days	3.33	
H. N. Campbell, 4 hours.....	1.00	
Levi Leach, 7 hours	1.75	
F. E. Chase, 7 hours	1.75	
Amount expended on Swiftwater branch		$35.59

Gilman hill:

B. A. Stymest, team, 2 days....	$10.00	
Leon Chase, 2 days	4.50	
J. B. Hibbard, 2 days	6.00	
Amount expended on Gilman hill.....		$20.50

Chamberlin hill:

H. A. Leighton, team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days..	$7.50	
P. H. Leighton, 1 day, 4 hours..	3.25	
R. A. Leighton, 1 day, 4 hours..	3.25	
Amount expended on Chamberlin hill...		$14.00
Total expenditures for state aid maintenance		$70.09

STATEMENT OF STATE AID MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Balance in state treasury February 15, 1917	$7.92	
State appropriation, 1917	50.00	
		$57.92
Balance in town treasury February 15, 1917	$7.91	
Town appropriation, 1917	50.00	
		57.91
Total joint fund		$115.83
Less amount expended, 1917		70.09
Unexpended balance available for 1918		$45.74
In state treasury	$22.88	
In town treasury	22.86	
		$45.74

Detail 10. Trunk Line Maintenance:

D. S. Libby, self and 1 horse, 149 days, 5 hours	$523.45
H. W. Nelson, team, 11 days, 1 hour	55.56
B. A. Stymest, team, 3 days, 3 hours	16.38
T. B. Southard, team, 1 day, 8 hours	9.44
T. B. Southard, man, 1 day	2.00
J. B. Hibbard, 7 days	16.00
H. N. Campbell, 3 days	6.75
Levi Leach, 1 day	2.25
Leon Chase, 1 day	2.25
N. C. Deming, 7 hours	1.54
B. S. Clough, 6½ hours	1.44
B. F. Aiken, ¼ day	.50
H. W. Nelson, supplies	1.34
Joshua Nutter, railing plank	3.36

V. B. Carleton, 101 loads gravel.....	$10.10
E. Woods, 95 loads gravel.....	9.50
H. W. Howland, 34 loads gravel.....	3.40
Town of Bath, 47 loads gravel.....	4.70
D. S. Libby, freight on culvert pipe.....	1.68
State highway department, culvert pipe...	92.88
Total amount expended.....	$764.52

STATEMENT OF TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Balance in state treasury February 15, 1917.....	$311.70	
State appropriation, 1917.....	1,000.00	
		$1,311.70
Balance in town treasury February 15, 1917.....	$155.85	
Town appropriation, 1917.....	600.00	
		755.85
Total joint fund.....		$2,067.55
Less amount expended, 1917.....		764.52
Unexpended balance available for 1918.		$1,303.03
In state treasury.....	$819.29	
In town treasury.....	483.74	
		$1,303.03

FRANK V. CHASE, *Agent*, 1916.

Detail 11—Town Highway Maintenance.

Frank V. Chase, labor.....	$2.00
D. P. Child, breaking roads.....	1.50

W. H. Greenwood, breaking roads:	
Self and team, 38 hours	$15.20
Man, 7 hours	1.40
W. H. Chamberlin, breaking road	3.12
	$23.22

L. E. Campbell, *Agent*, 1916.

L. E. Campbell, breaking roads:	
Self and 4 horses, 2 days	$16.00
Self and 2 horses, ½ day	2.75
	$18.75

Harry Woods, *Agent*, 1916.

Harry Woods, men and team	$18.40
Harry Jones, labor and gravel	2.85
Henry Haddock, breaking roads	10.00
Ira Wheeler, breaking roads	4.00
Amos Wheeler, men and teams, breaking roads, etc., as per bill	58.42
	$93.67

Ralph W. Rogers, *Agent*, 1917.

R. W. Rogers, 143 days, 7 hours, at $3.00	$431.30
Team, 3 days, at $2.25	6.75
Team, 79 days, 5 hours, at $3.00	238.59
Team, 46 days, at $3.50	161.00
5 bags of cement	3.25
Henry Arsenault:	
Self and team, 35 days, at $5.00	175.00
Self and team, 50 days, 2½ hours, at $5.50	276.49
19 plank	4.75

Tracy Sawyer:	
Self and team, 8 days, 3 hours, at $5.00	$41.66
Team, 45 days, at $3.50	157.50
35 cubic feet hemlock logs	2.45
Carleton Corey:	
21 days, ½ hour, at $2.00	42.10
93 days, 5 hours, at $2.25	210.50
William Seeley:	
9 days at $2.00	18.00
70 days, 7½ hours, at $2.25	159.37
Peter C. Kentfield, 78 days	175.62
O. A. Tewksbury, 20½ days	46.12
E. M. Lamarre:	
Self, 8 days, 6 hours; man 8 days	33.50
Man and team, 8 days, at $5.00	40.00
Man and team, 2 days, 1 hour, at $4.50	9.50
368 square feet lumber	4.41
82 loads of brick waste	4.10
D. M. Hunt and 1 horse, 6½ days	22.75
Albert H. Clough, 8 days	17.75
E. I. Oakes:	
Man and team, 6 days	$30.00
7 loads gravel	.70
F. V. Chase:	
Man and team, 6 days, 7 hours	33.85
Man, 8 days, 4 hours	19.00
H. W. Nelson and team, 5 days	25.00
Geo. E. Poor, team and 2 men, 2½ days	18.12
Waldo H. Dexter and team, 1¾ days; man 1½ days	10.00
Moses Riley, 3 days, 7 hours	8.50
Patridge Bros.:	
Man and team 1⅓ days; 2 men 1 day	10.50
J. H. Nutter, man, 24 hours, breaking roads	6.00
Merrill Tewksbury:	
Labor on Woodward hill	3.25
Bridge stringers	3.00
Breaking roads	1.50

Henry H. Poor:	
Labor on highway	$3.75
115 cu. ft. hemlock logs for bridge stringers	10.00
B. A. Stymest, team, 1 day, 4 hours	7.00
Ira Wheeler and team, 5 days	25.00
Will Greenwood:	
Man and team, ½ day	2.50
2 men, 1½ days	6.00
W. E. Carr and team, 1 day; 205 loads gravel	25.50
D. M. Carr, 23 hours; team, 8 hours	7.95
Geo. Carr, 7 hours	1.75
L. H. Deming, 22½ hours; team, 13 hours	9.60
K. B. Aldrich, 23 hours; team, 9 hours	8.50
A. C. Greenwood, labor	5.60
Johnson Farm, 2 men and team, 1½ hours	1.00
B. Tyler and team, 1 day	5.00
Geo. Tyler, 1 day, 2 hours	2.75
W. H. Cochrane, 2 men and team, 3 hours	2.40
Chas. E. Drury, 20 loads gravel	2.00
John Jameson, 3 hours	.60
J. Riley and team, 2 hours	1.10
J. B. Hibbard, 6 days, 4 hours	16.00
Levi Leach, 6 days, 6½ hours	15.13
Frank E. Chase, 6 days, 6½ hours	15.13
H. N. Campbell, 5⅔ days	12.75
Eugene Clough, 1 day	1.60
Leon Chase, 15½ hours	3.87
L. G. Thayer, labor	5.65
Chas. Woolson, breaking roads	14.30
Amos Wheeler, breaking roads	12.19
David S. Reed, labor	3.00
F. L. Blake, road machine blade and bolts	8.50
H. A. Young, bolts and repairs	3.00
Ernest Estes, 3½ days	7.00
Sheridan Corey, 1 day	2.00
Hazen Chase, 2½ days	5.00
E. L. Burnham, cutting bushes	10.00

W. B. Titus, stone drag	$6.00
E. B. Mann & Co., dynamite	3.45
Harry Woods, 70 loads gravel	7.00
H. F. Tewksbury, 27 loads gravel	2.70
L. Whitcomb, 20 loads gravel	2.00
Mr. Wright, 5 loads gravel	.50
Mrs. Mitchell, 3 loads gravel	.30
A. & H. Reed, gravel	1.50
Fred Hibbard, stone	1.00
	$2,739.45

MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY BILLS.

Ellery Kentfield, care of Bath bridge	$22.00
Chas. H. Hardy, care of Bath bridge	15.00
Wm. C. Austin, care of Bath bridge	6.00
J. B. Hibbard, cleaning Bath bridge	3.10
N. B. Foster, snow plow, Nov., Dec. and Jan.	10.00
Northeast Metal Culvert Co., culvert pipe	99.15
W. H. Chase:	
Freight on culvert pipe	2.65
Labor thawing culverts	4.00
W. D. Griswold, care of Woodsville bridge	9.25
W. D. Griswold estate, care of Woodsville bridge	6.00
Henry Arsenault, plowing out sidewalks and snowing Swiftwater bridge	17.50
H. A. Leighton:	
Man and team, 7 hours	3.50
2 men and team, 23 hours	17.40
Man, 1 day, 1 hour	2.50
11 loads gravel	1.10
T. B. Southard, self, team, and 3 men, 1½ days	17.68
J. L. Daniels:	
Self, 1½ days	3.00
Man and team, 2½ days breaking roads	11.25

Man, 5 days shoveling snow	$10.00
Henry S. Lang, 2 men and team, 1¾ days	8.00
W. H. Burnham, 1¼ days	2.50
S. M. Chamberlin, labor	1.00
C. D. Atwood, labor	6.25
W. E. Carr, ⅘ day	3.60
Mrs. Geo. Simpson, 26 loads gravel	2.60
W. H. Dexter and team, 16 hours, breaking roads	6.40
L. G. Thayer, 10 hours, breaking roads	2.00
Geo. Sulham, 13 hours, breaking roads	2.60
A. C. Greenwood, breaking roads	8.30
Tracy Sawyer, breaking roads	2.00
A. W. Young, breaking roads	8.00
A. H. Dearth, land damage	5.00
R. M. Lang, land damage	8.00
A. E. Powers, land damage, account of moving Dark Hollow road	30.00
J. C. Drury, blacksmithing	14.75
H. W. Nelson, tools and supplies	1.94
F. P. Wells, tools and supplies	$6.11
B. A. Stymest:	
Man and team, 4 hours	2.22
Tools	1.50
E. J. Ross, 1,697 sq. ft. bridge plank	42.44
Joshua Nutter:	
2,935 sq. ft. bridge plank	73.37
444 sq. ft. 6x6	13.32
	$512.98

SUMMARY OF TOWN HIGHWAY BILLS.

Frank V. Chase, agent, 1916	$23.22
L. E. Campbell, agent, 1916	18.75
Harry Woods, agent, 1916	93.67

Ralph W. Rogers, agent, 1917		$2,739.45
Miscellaneous bills		512.98
Total maintenance account		$3,388.07

Detail 12—Street lighting.

Woodsville Aqueduct Co., electric current		$36.00
Young's Garage, lighting Swiftwater bridge, 1917		12.00
F. P. Wells, electric lamps for bridge		.54
		$48.54

Detail 13—General expenses of highway department.

R. T. Bartlett, insurance on Swiftwater bridge		$7.50
F. P. Dearth, insurance on Bath bridge		45.00
Chester Abbott:		
Insurance on Woodsville bridge		7.50
Insurance on Jackman bridge		7.50
S. J. Burton, rent of winter road, 2 years		60.00
S. M. Chamberlin, rent of winter road		5.00
W. H. Deming, freight on boiler from Lisbon to Bath (Town paid freight rather than have boiler taken across bridge)		10.00
F. L. Blake, road machine, less freight and cost of setting up	$254.51	
B. & M. R. R., freight on road machine	15.49	
J. B. Hibbard, setting up machine	5.00	
		$275.00
Ada S. Morse, housing town tools		5.00
N. B. Foster, water trough abatement		1.50
Chas. D. Atwood, water trough abatement		3.00
James H. Mitchell Est., water trough abatement		3.00
H. S. Lang, water trough abatement		3.00
Leon H. Deming, water trough abatement		3.00
H. H. Poor, water trough abatement		3.00
H. F. Tewksbury, water trough abatement		3.00

D. S. Libby, water trough abatement	$3.00
V. B. Carleton, water trough abatement (2)..	5.00
F. P. Wells, water trough abatement (2)....	6.00
	$456.00

EDUCATION.

Detail 14—Libraries.

Bath Free Public library:	
Appropriation required by law	$53.10
Appropriation voted by town	150.00
	$203.10

CHARITIES.

Detail 15—Town poor.

F. H. Little, care of A. T. Bowen	$66.00
F. P. Wells, supplies for A. T. Bowen	3.22
F. W. Bangs, medicine for A. T. Bowen	1.55
Woodsville Furniture Co., undertaker's bill, A. T. Bowen	28.00
	$98.77

Detail 16—County poor.

Dr. J. Eddy Blake, attending Frank E. Chase	$39.50
Moses Riley, care of Goodrich children	167.50
	$207.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES.

Detail 17—Memorial Day expenses.

Col. Emery Post, G. A. R., 4 dozen flags....	$3.34
Postage	.29
	$3.63

UNCLASSIFIED.

Detail 18—Taxes bought by town.	
Moses A. Weeks, collector, taxes bought by town at tax sale June 29, 1917	$314.65
Detail 19—Tax abatements.	
James H. Mitchell Est., abatement of tax paid on horses that were also taxed in Warren, N. H., 1916	$6.65

INTEREST.

Detail 20—Interest paid on notes.	
Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co.:	
Interest on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes	$9.17
Interest on town hall note to Dec. 31, 1917	40.00
Interest on note for $2,000 to Jan. 31, 1918	108.33
Harry Chamberlin, interest on note for $1,000 for one year, to Jan. 1, 1918	50.00
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Interest on note for $500, one year, to Jan. 1	17.50
Interest on note for $1,000, one year to Jan. 1	35.00
Total interest payments	$260.00

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Detail 21—Highways, state aid construction.	
John B. Hibbard, 39 days, 7 hours	$119.33
R. W. Rogers, 31 days, 5 hours; team 32 days, 5 hours	160.46
B. A. Stymest, team, 22 days, 3 hours	111.68
Henry Arsenault and team, 20 days, 1 hour..	100.56

H. W. Nelson, team, 13 days, 6 hours	$68.34
E. I. Oakes, team, 3 days	15.00
O. A. Tewksbury, 11 days, 7 hours	26.50
Carleton Corey, 7 days, 6 hours	17.25
Leon L. Chase, 28⅙ days	63.38
W. S. Chase, Jr., 15 days	33.75
H. N. Campbell, 18 days, 2 hours	41.00
Levi Leach, 14 days, 6½ hours	33.13
Frank E. Chase, 12 days, 7½ hours	28.88
William Seeley, 16 days, 7 hours	37.75
Eugene G. Clough, 26¼ days	42.06
H. W. Nelson, tools and supplies	1.99
B. A. Stymest, tools, wire fence and staples	7.07
Town of Bath, 60 cedar posts	9.00
J. C. Drury, blacksmithing	6.20
E. I. Oakes, 481 loads gravel	48.10
State highway department:	
Culvert pipe	22.70
Engineering	41.15
Total amount expended	$1,035.28

STATEMENT OF STATE AID CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

State appropriation, 1917		$461.20
Town appropriation, 1917		1,153.50
Total joint fund		$1,614.70
Less amount expended, 1917		1,035.28
Unexpended balance available for 1918		$579.42
In state treasury	$165.40	
In town treasury	414.02	
		$579.42

Detail 22—Pipe line for fire protection.

Walworth Mfg. Co., Boston:	
279 ft. 4 in. pipe	$249.14
Pipe fittings	5.08
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on pipe	5.92
Harvey A. Hardy, 1 day digging ditch	2.25
Eugene Clough, 1 day, 6½ hours, digging ditch	2.75
John B. Hibbard, 1⅓ days, digging ditch	4.00
Total expenditure	$269.14

Three hundred feet of pipe for this job was ordered October 15, but the Walworth company were unable to make delivery until November 23, and even then were unable to ship full amount ordered. The ground froze before job could be completed. Amount appropriated for this work was $500. The unexpended balance of $230.86 is in the town treasury ready to complete the job.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Detail 23—Payment on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes.

Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co., note given October 24, and paid December 29	$1,000.00

Detail 24—Payments on long term notes.

Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co.:	
Last town hall note, so called	$1,000.00
Note on demand, dated February 18, 1915	2,000.00
Total	$3,000.00

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS.

Detail 25—Taxes paid to state.		
Regular state tax, 1917		$1,327.50
Special state tax, Chapter 38, Laws 1917		177.00
		$1,504.50
Detail 26—Taxes paid to county.		
County tax, 1917		$1,178.52
Detail 27—Payments to school districts.		
Town district:		
Appropriations	$3,147.53	
Proportion of state school fund,	478.40	
Proportion of state literary fund	51.81	
		$3,677.74
Union district:		
Appropriations	$1,899.97	
Proportion of state school fund,	376.67	
Proportion of state literary fund,	35.53	
		2,312.17
Woodsville district:		
Proportion of state literary fund		8.45
Landaff district:		
Proportion of state literary fund		.69
Total payments to school districts		$5,999.05

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them properly vouched and correctly cast and this account is made in accordance therewith.

CLAYTON C. FOSTER,
Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 13, 1918.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Bath:

On the foregoing pages we present the annual report for the financial year ending January 31, 1918.

Owing to the scarcity of labor during the past season some of the improvements for which appropriations were made last March have not been completed, namely: "The Narrows" highway improvement, state aid road, grading Main street, Bath village, and the pipe line from the leatherboard mill to the common, for fire protection.

By the terms of the joint resolution by which the legislature appropriated $1,000 to assist the town in improving "The Narrows" highway, the joint fund is to be expended under the direction of the state highway department. Mr. Riford, the engineer in charge of this division, had planned to begin work on the job last fall, but owing to the fact that the steam drill owned by the highway department, which he expected to use on this work, was in use on another job until very late in the fall, he decided to postpone this work until spring. As we now understand the matter, work will be started sometime in March. The money appropriated by the state for this work remains in the state treasury and the money appropriated by the town is in the town treasury.

We were unable to begin work on the state aid road until the middle of September. Scarcity of labor and wet weather delayed the work somewhat, with the result that only about two-thirds of the money available had been expended when frost compelled us to stop work. The unexpended balance of the joint fund is in the state and town treasuries ready to complete the job.

None of the $600 appropriated to grade Main street, and for other purposes, has yet been expended. The money is in the hands of the treasurer ready to be used for the purposes for which it was appropriated.

The unexpended balance of the appropriation for fire protection is also in the hands of the treasurer, as explained elsewhere in this report.

On the recommendation of Storrs & Storrs, bridge engineers of Concord, N. H., we employed Mr. C. C. Battey to inspect the Bath bridge and estimate the cost of repairs. His report follows. Owing to snow and the frozen condition of the floor timbers his estimate covers cost of strengthening arches only.

Woodsville, N. H., February 11, 1918.

Board of Selectmen, Bath, N. H.:

Dear Sirs—I have completed inspection of the highway bridge at Bath, N. H.

I find the easterly span south truss sagged about five inches and the bottom chord pulled about two inches. The north truss is down about three inches and the bottom chord pulled about one and one-fourth inches. The floor beams are rotten and some of them recently broken and they are near the danger point.

The nose of one of the piers is in bad condition and I would suggest that you have a stone mason put the stone back in place the best he can before the spring freshets.

The old arch beams in the east span are nine by fifteen inches. I would recommend that you build on top of the old ones making them nine by thirty six inches. It will be necessary to have a stone mason cut for the foot of the new arch timbers and the old rods will have to come out and the span supported by horses from the river bed while repairs are being made, and an approximate estimate of strengthening these arches is as follows:

4,126 ft. of arch timbers at $50 per M.....	$206.30
1,600 ft. needle beams (10-8″x10″x24′) at $50 per M.	80.00
426 ft. timbers to carry floor where arch intersects with bottom chord (4-8″x10″x16′) at $50 per M.	21.30

2,388 ft. timber for falsework to support bridge (16-8″x8″x28′) at $50 per M.	$59.70
267 ft. caps (2-8″x8″x26′) at $50 per M.	13.35
384 ft. bracing (12-2″x8″x24′) at $50 per M...	19.20
500 lbs nails at 6 cents lb.	30.00
1,160 lbs. wrought iron (bolts, etc.) at 15c lb...	174.00
Labor:	
1 Stone mason, 6 days at $5 per day	30.00
6 Carpenters, 20 days each, 120 days at $3.50 per day	420.00
1 Foreman, 20 days at $5 per day	100.00
Engineer's supervision:	
5 days at $10 per day	50.00
Tools	75.00
Total estimated cost	$1,278.85

It is impossible for me to make a fair estimate of the cost of the repairs to the floor on account of the amount of snow and the frozen condition of the timbers.

Immediate action should be taken to stop the practice of trotting horses on this bridge, also the rule governing the two ton loads on four wheels should be enforced until the repairs are made.

Yours respectfully,

C. C. BATTEY.

In addition to the above estimate it will be necessary to renew both courses of the floor plank for practically the whole length of the bridge, and at the least calculation one-half, or about one hundred of the floor timbers must be replaced with new timbers. Also about one-half of the boarding on the sides should be renewed, both for looks and to preserve the bridge, and the north side of the roof will need to be shingled, or covered with galvanized roofing, in a very short time.

We believe the following to be a fair estimate of cost for the whole job:

Mr. Battey's estimate for strengthening arches..	$1,278.85
40,000 ft. 3-in hemlock plank for floor at $27.50 per M.	1,100.00
12,200 ft. floor timbers (100-4"x14"x24') at $50 per M.	610.00
5,000 ft. of boards for sides at $35 per M.	175.00
800 lbs spikes and nails at 6 cents lb.	48.00
4 men, 36 days each, 144 days at $3	432.00
	$3,643.85
Add 15 per cent for unforeseen expense.....	546.58
Total estimated cost	$4,190.43

We would suggest that $1,000 of the cost be raised on the inventory of 1918, and the balance by the issue of notes payable serially, in the manner provided in section 2, chapter 129, Laws of 1917. In this connection we would state that provision must be made at the annual meeting for refunding all outstanding notes, payable on demand, by the issue of new notes payable serially as provided in said Chapter 129, Sections 2 and 4.

Section 8 of Chapter 129, reads as follows: "Immediately upon the close of the fiscal year the budget committee in towns where such committees exist, otherwise the selectmen, shall prepare a budget on blanks prescribed by the tax commission. Such budget shall be posted with the town warrant, and shall be printed in the town report at least one week before date of town meeting."

We have prepared a budget on blanks prescribed by the tax commission, and have posted copies with the town warrant, where they may be seen, but because of its length and complicated nature we thought it best to omit the document from this report and simply give the sums raised last year with an estimate of the appropriations needed for 1918. The actual expenditures for the past year are given in an-

other part of this report. The estimated revenues from all sources except property taxes are practically the same as last year.

Appropriation for Town Purposes.	Amount levied, 1917	Estimated for 1918.
By law:		
Regular state tax	$1,327.50	$1,416.00
Special state tax	177.00	
County tax	1,178.52	1,178.52
Library fund	53.10	53.10
Overlay	537.80	700.00
By vote:		
Memorial Day expenses	10.00	10.00
Town poor	200.00	250.00
Town officers' salaries and expenses	650.00	700.00
Library fund	150.00	150.00
For painting town building	....	250.00
Highways and bridges	3,500.00	4,100.00
Grading Main street, etc.	600.00	....
Fire protection	500.00	....
Repairs on Bath bridge	....	1,000.00
The Narrows highway improvement	1,000.00	....
Payment on notes	1,000.00	1,000.00
State aid maintenance	50.00	52.50
Trunk line maintenance	600.00	450.00
State aid construction	1,153.50	1,237.50
Total for town	$12,687.42	$12,547.62
Town school district:		
Amount required by law	$787.53	$790.00
Voted by district for:		
School purposes	1,000.00	1,250.00
Repairs	200.00	100.00
Officers' salaries	45.00	45.00
Tuition	900.00	400.00

Appropriation for Town Purposes.	Amount levied, 1917	Estimated for 1918.
Books and supplies	200.00	100.00
Flags	15.00	15.00
Total for town school district..	$3,147.53	$2,700.00
Union school district:		
Amount required by law	$539.97	$537.50
Voted by district for:		
School purposes	1,000.00	1,150.00
Salaries of district officers	200.00	200.00
Books and supplies	150.00	150.00
Graduation exercises	10.00	12.50
Payment on debt	....	300.00
Total for Union district	$1,899.97	$2,350.00
Summary:		
Total amount for town purposes.	$12,687.42	$12,547.62
Receipts from poll taxes	508.00	500.00
Raised by property taxes, town..	$12,179.42	$12,047.62
Town school district	3,147.53	2,700.00
Union school district	1,899.97	2,350.00
Total amount of property tax..	$17,226.92	$17,097.62

Inventories:

	Assessed Valuation, 1917.	Estimated Valuation, 1918.
Town	$825,957.00	$827,000.00
Town school district	$443,609.00	$445,000.00
Union school district	$304,157.00	$304,000.00

Assuming that the estimated valuations for 1918 are approximately correct and the amount raised for town purposes is $12,047.62, the town rate for the ensuing year will be $1.46 per $100 of valuation. Each $1,000 added

to or deducted from the estimate will raise or lower the rate 12 cents.

If the amount raised for all purposes in the town school district is $2,700, the school rate will be 61 cents. Each additional $100 will add 2¼ cents to the rate.

If the amount raised for all purposes in Union District is $2,350, the school rate in that district will be 77 cents. For every $100 added to the estimate, add 3¼ cents to the rate.

The State Highway Department's estimate for maintenance of state aid roads in Bath for the year 1918 is $150.74. There is available for this purpose the sum of $45.74, leaving a balance of $105 to be raised. If the town will appropriate $52.50 for such maintenance the state will also appropriate $52.50.

The estimate for trunk line maintenance for 1918 is $2,503.03. There is available in the state and town treasuries the sum of $1,303.03, which leaves a balance of $1,200 to be raised. If the town will appropriate $450 the state will appropriate $750.

If the town votes to apply for state aid, the sum of $1,237.50 must be raised, to which the state will add $494.80, making the joint fund $1,732.30. If the town does not vote to accept state aid, it must set aside the sum of $825 as a permanent improvement fund.

Owing to the new law which makes the financial year end January 31, instead of February 15, as heretofore, Mr. Abbott, collector for 1917, was unable to settle his book before the end of the year, but all taxes committed to him will be collected or sold, and his account settled before town meeting.

There are no outstanding orders.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. HIBBARD,
TIMOTHY B. SOUTHARD,
H. A. LEIGHTON,
Selectmen of Bath.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

The trust funds consist of, viz.:

Sarah K. Hebbard legacy of 1880 for.....	$1,000.00
Henry C. Hutchins legacy of 1896 for.....	1,500.00
William Simonds legacy of 1896 for.....	500.00
Dexter H. French legacy of 1909 for.....	100.00
Henry C. Carbee legacy of 1912.....	500.00
Seraphina R. Jackman legacy of 1917.....	1,000.00
Benjamin Gray legacy of 1917.....	50.00

Receipts.

Hibbard legacy interest, 1 year.....	$35.00
Hutchins legacy interest, 6 months.....	33.75
Simonds legacy interest, 1 year.....	17.50
French legacy interest, 1 year.....	4.04
Carbee legacy interest, 1 year.....	20.20
Gray legacy interest to January 1, 1918.....	1.33
	$111.82

Disbursements.

December 31. Paid M. A. Weeks, care—	
Both cemeteries	$40.50
Jackman lot	15.00
Hibbard lot	10.00
Simonds lot	5.00
French lot	3.00
Gray lot	1.50
	$75.00
Cash on hand, due Union School District.....	14.98
Due Town	21.84
	$111.82

The last six months of the year's interest on the Hutchins legacy, $33.75, is not due until February 1, and will be included in 1918 receipts.

E. C. POOR,
HARRY WOODS,
ELWOOD J. ROSS,
Trustees of the Trust Fund.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the trustees of trust funds of the town of Bath, N. H., and find them correctly cast. The S. K. Hibbard legacy is secured by a note of $1,000 given by the town of Bath, N. H. The William Simonds legacy is secured by a note of $500 given the town of Bath, N. H. The H. C. Hutchins legacy is secured by the city of Pittston, Pa., school bonds, consisting of bonds No. 491, 492 and 493 of $500 each. The French trust fund of $100, the Carbee trust fund of $500, the Jackman trust fund of $1,000 and the Gray trust fund of $50 have been deposited in Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company of Lisbon, N. H.

C. C. FOSTER.
Town Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 8, 1918.

BATH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Librarian's Report.

To the People of Bath the following report is respectfully submitted:

During the year just past seventy-nine volumes have been added to the library by purchase, five have been presented by Mrs. Lucia W. Ross, ten by the Elvira L. Parker estate, six by the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, one by Coroden Cummings of Nashua, one by Emile Carbonnel of New York, five by the state and two by the government, making a total of 3,613 volumes in the library, exclusive of state and government reports.

Mrs. Lucia W. Ross also gave the library a fine oil portrait of Daniel Webster, which adds much to the appearance of the room.

Periodicals taken by the library: Literary Digest, National Geographic Magazine, Century, Ladies' Home Journal, Everybody's, Bookman, Good Housekeeping, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, and National Sportsman.

Circulation.

Number of volumes fiction loaned	3,010
Number of volumes juvenile fiction loaned	378
Number of volumes non-fiction loaned	192
Number of periodicals loaned	552
Total	4,132

Branches are still maintained at Swiftwater and in the west part of town.

Cash in hands of librarian Feb. 15, 1917	$0.81
Amount received from fines during year	1.70
Total receipts	$2.51

Paid for call slips	$1.00	
Paid for express	.51	
Paid for postage	.30	
		$1.81
Cash in hands of librarian Jan. 31		$0.70

We again respectfully ask for a liberal appropriation.

ANNIE M. HIBBARD,
Librarian.

January 31, 1918.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BATH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(For the year ending January 31, 1918.)

Receipts.

Balance on hand from last year.....	$110.34
Received from selectmen	203.10
Total receipts	$313.44

Payments.

1917.			
Feb.	24.	F. P. Dearth, insurance .	$22.50
July	23.	A. R. Womrath, books ..	14.60
Aug.	10.	A. R. Womath, books ..	3.91
Sept.	25.	F. P. Dearth, insurance..	22.50
Nov.	24.	A. T. White, magazines..	17.50
Dec.	4.	A. R. Womrath, books ..	13.25

1918.			
Jan. 18.	A. R. Womrath, books...	$35.32	
30.	Annie M. Hibbard, services as librarian, express and postage	50.36	
	Total payments		$179.94
	Balance on hand January 31		$133.50

Respectfully submitted,

VERA M. DRURY,
D. P. CHILD,
A. E. HOUSTON,
Library Trustees.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

C. C. FOSTER,
Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 12, 1918.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(Year Ending February 1, 1918.)

Receipts.

Cash on hand from last year.....	$1,511.66
From state:	
Literary fund	35.53
Superintendent's salary	106.67
Qualified teachers	216.00
For average attendance.....	54.00
Tuition	144.00
Note	1,100.00
From district:	
By vote	1,000.00

By vote for salaries supreintendent, janitor and officers	$200.00
By vote for books and supplies	150.00
By law	549.97
	$5,067.83

PAYMENTS.

On superintendent's salary	$323.96	
Ellen S. Chase, teaching 35 weeks	533.50	
Valborga Hokanson, teaching 18 weeks	252.00	
Winifred Sargent, teaching 35 weeks	428.50	
Mary Fisher, teaching 35 weeks	376.00	
Elizabeth Morrison, teaching 17 weeks	221.00	
Walter S. Chase, janitor and plumbing	102.75	
B. A. Stymest, coal at $9.00	52.76	
B. A. Stymest, 10 cords wood	90.00	
Ira F. Wheeler, sawing wood	10.00	
Schoolhouse supplies	10.99	
Insurance	60.00	
For graduation	7.10	
Lisbon school district tuition, Caroline Tewksbury	6.00	
Bath Village Water Co.	18.00	
Jessie B. Moulton, rent of path	6.00	
Ned C. Denning, services as clerk	3.00	
Books and supplies	118.79	
N. B. Foster, services as school treasurer and postage	6.00	
Services of school board	15.00	
		$2,641.35

School Building Repair.

Parker & Young, lumber.....	$344.24	
Elwood J. Ross, lumber.....	31.96	
B. A. Stymest, building supplies and labor	136.81	
John B. Hibbard, labor.....	169.55	
Ned C. Deming, labor.....	192.71	
Harold E. Mason, architect.....	41.24	
C. C. Foster, painting.....	75.50	
Gowing & Chamberlain, plumbing	13.60	
Goss Supply Co., plumbing fixtures	69.13	
Rhett R. Scruggs, hardware.....	13.58	
Woodsville Furniture Co., curtains	10.50	
Walter H. Chase, freight.....	1.97	
Mrs. H. A. Hardy, cleaning building	17.75	
		$1,118.54
Cash on hand.....		1,307.94
		$5,067.83

NAPOLEON B. FOSTER,
Treasurer Union School District.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Bath Union School District and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and this report is made in accordance therewith.

CLAYTON C. FOSTER,
Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 12, 1918.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of the Bath Union School District:

I am presenting for your consideration my seventh annual report, which is the eleventh in the series of district superintendents' reports.

For the purpose of comparison and reference I present these items from the state report for the year ending July 15, 1917:

Whole number of pupils attending at least two weeks	59
Average attendance in all schools	49.58
Average absence in all schools	4.00
Average membership in all schools	53.58
Per cent of attendance	92.56
Number of tardinesses	110
Average monthly salary of grade teachers	$42.55
Average monthly salary of high school teachers	$58.00
Official visits of school board	5
Number of visits of superintendent	65
Number of visits of citizens and others	105

Promotions in June, 1917.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Promoted	6	0	9	8	9	3	5	1
Not promoted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average age	7-5	7-7	9-7	8-10	11-4	13-5	13-3	14-1

Ellen Asenath Weeks was graduated from the high school and Delila Hardy from the eighth grade.

Louise Bailey was the only pupil who had perfect attendance for the entire year.

High School Program of Studies.

FIRST YEAR.

Latin Course—English, Algebra, Ancient History, Latin.

English Course—English, Algebra, Bookkeeping and Commercial Arithmetic, Ancient History.

SECOND YEAR.

Latin Course—English, Geometry, French, Latin.

English Course—English, Geometry, French, English History.

THIRD YEAR.

Latin Course—English, Physics, French, Latin.

English Course—English, Physics, French, Mediaeval and Modern History.

FOURTH YEAR.

Latin Course—English, Mathematical Review, American History and Civics, French or Chemistry, Latin.

English Course—English, Mathematical Review, American History and Civics, German, Chemistry.

The important fact to chronicle this year is that the school building has been remodeled and put in condition to meet present-day needs. The two grade rooms on the first floor are models in lighting, tinting and general appearance. The separate toilets for boys and girls is most satisfactory. The arrangement of the hall, the book and supply closets, the new stairway to the classroom on the second floor and the concrete outer steps all make the building attractive and useable. The rush at the last to enable school

to begin left a few things unfinished. The desks in the high school room should be changed to bring the light over the pupil's back and left side instead, as now, over the back and right side, and a urinal should be placed in the boys' basement.

Along the line of improvements we may mention the new clock in the primary room, the six wall maps in the grammar room, the new curtains where needed and the fine flagpole erected by the pupils and teachers.

There has been but one change in the teaching force during the year. Miss Morrison has taken the place of Miss Hokanson, who resigned at the close of last year. Throughout the grades and high school the work has continued of high grade, and the pupils seem appreciative of their opportunity. With the exception of two boys in the high school, the attendance has been exceedingly good throughout the building. The citizens of the district have reason to be proud of their building and schools.

The shortage in labor and in food production at the present time urgently suggests that our small high schools should offer courses which shall fit the boys and girls of the community to develop the resources of the farm and the farm home. I still believe that the Bath High School can do no better service in the community than to offer courses in agriculture and domestic arts.

I am grateful to all who in any way have helped to make the work of the year a success.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN J. PAGE.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD OF UNION DISTRICT.

The past school year was one week short as the extreme cold weather seemed to make it advisable to end school one week earlier at Christmas time, in order to save fuel, but this will be made up in the spring term.

The school building has been repaired to meet state requirements under the direction of a building committee of three—B. A. Stymest, Ellen S. Chase and Ira E. Deming. The cost has been about eleven hundred dollars. This was loaned by the National Bank of Newbury at five per cent in October. At the next school meeting there will be a decision as to the payment of this note.

Mr. Harold E. Mason, architect, from Keene, was employed by the building committee to make the plans which should fully meet state requirements, and we now feel we have a building adequate for school purposes.

We found on looking up what had been paid on the superintendent's salary in previous years that this district was behind $63.31. This sum, with $147.33 which was left unpaid last year, and the $113.33 which has been paid on this year's salary, brings the total to $323.96, which explains this seemingly large sum. Probably the same amount will be required as last year for books and supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

FARRAND FOSTER,
JONAS MINOT,
A. N. BLANDIN,
School Board Bath Union District.

REPORT OF BATH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(For the year ending January 31, 1918.)

Schools in town have been maintained as follows:

Carbee School.

Spring term, Ruby Miller, wages per month....	$36.00
Fall term, Sally Nutter, wages per month.....	$40.00

Hibbard School.

Spring term, Florence Lang, wages per month..	$48.00
Fal term, Elizabeth Smith, wages per month....	$40.00

Pettyboro School.

Spring term, Beatrice Burgess, wages per month,	$36.00
Fall term, Edith Hood, wages per month.....	$48.00

Nutter School.

Spring term, Sally Nutter, wages per month....	$36.00
Fall term, Minnie Morris, wages per month....	$36.00

Swiftwater School.

Spring term, Wyoma Witham, wages per month	$40.00
Fall term, Wyoma Witham, wages per month..	$44.00

"The fiscal year of town and special school districts beginning February 16, 1917, shall end August 31, 1918, and thereafter the fiscal and the scholastic year shall end August 31, annually."

The district will need four hundred dollars for high school tuition, one hundred for repairs and one hundred for supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION M. CHILD.
SUSIE D. NUTTER.
G. E. POWERS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of Bath Town School District:

I am herewith presenting to you my seventh annual report, the eleventh in the series of district superintendent's reports.

The total number of pupils enrolled during the present school year, with the names of the teachers, is given below:

Swiftwater, Wyoma Witham, Grace Hutchings	21 pupils
Carbee, Sally Nutter	11 pupils
Nutter, Minnie Morris	13 pupils
Hibbard, Elizabeth Smith, Dorothy Frost	19 pupils
Pettyboro, Edith Hood	14 pupils
Woodsville grades	3 pupils
Bath Union grades	1 pupil
Lisbon High School	3 pupils
Woodsville High School	6 pupils
Bath Union High School	3 pupils
Total	94 pupils

I copy the following important items from the state report for the year ending July 15, 1917:

Whole number of pupils attending at least two weeks	71
Average attendance in all schools	55.63
Average daily absence in all schools	4.81
Average membership in all schools	60.44
Per cent of attendance	92.03
Number of tardinesses	542
Average monthly salary of teachers	$39.60
Number of visits of school board	10
Number of visits of superintendent	87
Number of visits of citizens and others	122

Promotions in June, 1917.

Grade.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
Promoted	3	8	6	12	5	4	10	4
Non-promoted	3	0	3	1	0	1	1	1
Average age	6-2	7-4	8-10	9-5	10-2	10-8	12-5	14-7

Eighth Grade Graduates.

William Franklin, Delia Laundre, Earl Riley, Laurent Roy.

PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

Walter Campbell, Grace Carr, Marguerite Lang, Leona Greenwood, Leora Greenwood.

In spite of the almost prohibitive cost of labor and materials, the progressive scheme previously begun by the district of making some permanent repairs each year was continued. At Pettyboro the walls of the schoolroom were papered, new inner doors hung and new closets built, attached to the building in such a way that they could be reached without leaving the building. Some appropriation for repairs and improvements should be made this year, as hardwood floors are needed at Pettyboro and Carbee, and new desks will soon be a necessity at Swiftwater. Jacketed stoves are needed to heat the schoolrooms evenly and to economize in fuel.

The conditions caused by the present war are bearing heavily upon the schools. Teachers are scarce and salaries are high. Fuel is very expensive and hard to get. Pupils' supplies have doubled in value. To meet this situation, considerable larger appropriations will be needed next year, for the President of the United States, the Governor of New Hampshire and all educational authorities unite in urging us to continue the schools at their highest efficiency. In order to do this it may be necessary to consolidate schools, to transport pupils and to devise other means of meeting and solving the possible problems which may arise. Whatever exigency may come, I am confident that the citizens of Bath will not wish to curtail the preparation of their children for active service in all fields of industry after the war is over, for never in the history of the world has there been an opportunity which could compare with that which the close of the war will open for educated service in reconstructing what the war has torn down. Our children must be ready to meet this demand.

I am grateful to all who have been associated with me in the work of the year for their cordial coöperation.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN J. PAGE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

For fiscal year ending January 31, 1918.

Current Revenue.

1	Balance from last year	$713.08
2	Entire amount of money required by law to be raised for school, 1917	787.53
3	Entire additional amount voted at school meeting, 1917	1,000.00
4	Amount assessed to pay for necessary school books and supplies	200.00
5	Amount assessed to pay tuition at high school or academy	900.00
6	Amount assessed to pay for flags and appurtenances	15.00
7	Amount assessed for salaries and expenses of district officers	45.00
8	Amount of literary fund received from state December, 1917	51.81
9	Amount received from state treasury, under Chapter 158 of the Session Laws of 1909, December, 1917:	
	For district superintendent	160.00
	For support of schools	181.00
	For high school tuition	137.40
10	Amount from other sources, not included in above	117.94
11	Amount raised for repairs and remodeling, 1917	200.00
	Total revenue for current expenses	$4,508.76

Current Expenditures.

1	Amount expended for text-books.....	$62.10
2	Amount expended for reference books, maps, and other apparatus	10.62
3	Amount expended for scholars' supplies...	5.68
4	Amount paid for teachers' salaries (regular)	1,560.00
5	Amount paid for superintendent	240.00
6	Amount paid for school board, services and expenses	37.00
7	Amount paid for truant officers, including enumeration of children	8.00
8	Amount paid other district officers.....	13.70
9	Amount paid for high school and academy tuition	444.00
10	Amount paid for janitor services	41.10
11	Amount paid for building supplies	84.40
12	Amount paid for fuel	182.67
13	Amount unclassified expenditures, not included above	125.58
	Total expenditures	$2,814.85
	Cash balance	1,693.91
		$4,508.76

GEORGE D. WOODS,
Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and there remains in the hands of the treasurer $1,693.76.

C. C. FOSTER,
Auditor.

Bath, N. H., February 8, 1918.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BATH,

Date.	Name of Child (if any)	Sex.	Liv. or Stillb.	No.	Name of Father.
Jan. 9, 1917	Viola May Wright.....	F	L	3	Charles Wright....
Jan. 21, 1917	——— Nigro	F	L	2	Louis Nigro.....
Feb. 19, 1917	Ivan Leroy Knighton....	M	L	5	Leroy S. Knighton..
Mar. 2, 1917	——— Bownett	F	L	1	Elmer W. Bownett..
Mar. 4, 1917	Vance Crosby Rogers...	M	L	5	Ralph Waldo Rogers
Mar. 8, 1917	Charles Sylvanus Nelson	M	L	5	Lewis Wm. Nelson.
Mar. 23, 1917	Robert Lewis Estes.....	M	L	3	Ernest W. Estes....
April 2, 1917	Archie Bert McQuesten.	M	L	3	Leroy L. McQuesten.
April 15, 1917	Ruth Angie Green.....	F	L	3	Harold Green.....
April 17, 1913	Geraldine May Coates...	F	L	1	Morrell H. Coates...
May 11, 1917	Hubert Burr Chase....	M	L	1	Burr Francis Chase.
Oct. 17, 1917	Joseph Arthur Lamarre.	M	L	6	E. M. Lamarre.....
Mar. 29, 1917	Margaret Blanche Rollins	F	L	10	Orren H. Rollins...
Nov. 2, 1917	A. Woods	..	L	4	Andrew J. Woods...
Nov. 7, 1917	——— Arsenault	M	L	6	Henry Arsenault...
Nov. 19, 1917	Robert Edward Santy...	M	L	1	Maurice Santy.....
Dec. 8, 1917	Elizabeth Reed.....	F	L	5	Henry S. Reed....
Dec. 9, 1917	——— Smith	F	L	2	Bert Smith.....
April 3, 1917	Velma Mary Tewksbury.	F	L	5	Ora Tewksbury.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct,

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BATH,

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Age.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
1917. June 21	Bath	Carl W. Chamberlin	Bath	22	Farmer .....
		Mona M. Park.....	Woodsville	21	Housework ..
June 20	Bath	Wayne J. Whitcomb.	Bath	21	Farmer .....
		Eunice M. Wells....	Bath	22	Clerk .....
Oct. 14	Sugar Hill...	Frank A. Woods...	Bath	28	Farmer .....
		Eva Mary Connery...	Sugar Hill.....	21	.....
Oct. 20	Bath	Van Buren Carleton	Bath	22	Farmer .....
		Leona Fisher.....	Littleton	22	Shoe factory.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct,

N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Edna Libby	Teamster	South Dakota	Bath
Assanta Valente	Laborer	Italy	Italy
Gertrude E. Corey	Mill superintendent.	Canada	Bath
E. Pedersen	Farmer	Vermont	Waukegan, Ill.
Nina Crosby	Farmer	No. Haverhill, N. H.	Bath
Emma Moses	Farmer	Fayston, Vt.	Haverhill, N. H.
Catherine Corey	Laborer	Bloomfield, Vt.	Bath
Gladys M. Hobbs	Farmer	Manchester, N. H.	No. Haverhill, N. H.
Florence Stone	Laborer	Bakersfield, Vt.	Grand Isle
Rahea W. Barley	Laborer	Canada	Canada
Lura Mary F. Kentfield.	Railroading	Bath	Bath
Lena Wheat	Brickmaker	Canada	Ware, Mass.
Ida Martin	Farmer	Bath	Orange, N. H.
Annie Walker	Mill hand	Bath	Topsham, Vt.
Mabel Welch	Laborer	New Brunswick	Groveton, N. H.
Ethel Irene Locke	Farmer	Lyman, N. H.	Bath
Elizabeth Santy	Farmer	Bath	Lyman, N. H.
Florence Ingerson	Farmer	Lyman, N. H.	New Hampshire
Winnie Chase	Farmer	Bath	Bath

according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR E. BAILEY, Town Clerk.

N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	By Whom Married.
Bath	W. W. Chamberlin.	Bath	Farmer	Donald Frazer, Woodsville, N. H.
	Kate A. Carbee	Bath	Housewife	
Woodsville	Robert H. Park	Woodsville	Clerk	
	Lena Willis	Woodsville	Housewife	
Bath	Warren H. Whitcomb	Columbia	Farmer	Ralza E. Andrew, Bath, N. H.
	Martha A. Hawkins.	Bath	Housewife	
Wh. R. J., Vt.	Fred P. Wells	Haverhill	Merchant	
	Flora Burnham	Haverhill	Housewife	
Bath	Charles E. Woods	Allenstown	Farmer	H. S. Weeks, Lisbon, N. H.
	Emma Marston	Pittsfield	Housewife	
Lisbon	Thomas Connery	Bath	Farmer	
	Augustus Ward	Canada	Housewife	
Bath	Ebenezer Carleton	Bath	Farmer	Arthur M. Shattuck, Lisbon, N. H.
	Eva Russell	Lyman	Housework	
Concord, Vt.	Austin Fisher	Concord, Vt.	Farmer	
	Viola Williams	Concord, Vt.	Housework	

according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR E. BAILEY, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BATH,

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	S'gle. Mar., Wid.
			Y.	M.	D.		
Mar. 14	Bath	——— Bownett.....	..	..	11	Bath	S
April 6	Bath	Albert Towne Bowen....	81	2	19	Piermont	W
April 21	Bath	Lucia E. Kentfield.....	73	5	14	Bath	M
May 5	Hanover	Enoch C. Dearth.....	52	8	..	Bath	W
June 2	Bath	Stephen Hibbard.....	60	..	..	Landaff	M
Aug. 27	Bath	Henry C. Carbee.....	87	11	27	Bath	W
Nov. 8	Bath	Ellen E. Powers.....	81	9	20	Hardwick, Vt...	M
Dec. 11	Bath	Huldah Reed	87	1	17	Wolcott, Vt.....	W
Dec. 12	.....	Henry Clay Jones.....	78	10	10	.....	W
Nov. 28	Bellevue, Wash.	William S. Parker.....	42	10	4	Worcester, Mass.	S

I hereby certify that the above return is correct,

N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
.....	Vermont	Illinois	Elmer W. Bownett..	Dora Pedersen
.....	.....	.....	.....	
Housewife ..	Bath	Bath	Amos Corey	Nancy Kentfield
Carpenter ...	Stewartstown ...	Peacham, Vt.....	Samuel E. Dearth...	Jane Willey
Farmer	Bath	Bath	Linus Hibbard.....	Eliza Chandler
Farmer	Newbury, Vt.....	Newbury, Vt....	John Carbee.....	Anna Powers
Housewife ..	Hardwick, Vt....	Hardwick, Vt....	Nathaniel Powers...	Ann Ramsdell
.....	.....	Barre, Vt.....	——— Moulton....	
.....	Venshine, Vt....	.....	Hiram Jones.....	Orilla Wood
None	Worcester, Mass.	Worcester, Mass.	Edward O. Parker..	Elvira L. Savage

according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR E. BAILEY, Town Clerk.